



General Assembly

February Session, 2014

***Raised Bill No. 5555***

LCO No. 2503



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY  
ASSISTANCE TO ANIMALS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) Any person who,  
2      voluntarily and gratuitously and other than in the ordinary course of  
3      such person's employment, renders emergency medical assistance or  
4      other emergency assistance to any animal in need, or reasonably  
5      perceived to be in need thereof, including, but not limited to, the  
6      provision of safe and secure refuge to such animal, shall not be liable  
7      to the owner of such animal for civil damages for any injuries that  
8      result from acts or omissions by such person in rendering such  
9      emergency medical assistance or other emergency assistance that may  
10     constitute ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in this section  
11     does not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross, wilful or  
12     wanton negligence.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To extend good samaritan protections to persons providing assistance to animals.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*